



## Stakeholder input - Proposed Urgency Ordinance Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

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### Stakeholders:

You are being contacted because your group corresponded or testified at the August 6, 2013 County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors meeting. At this meeting the Board directed staff to schedule a public hearing on August 27, 2013 to consider an Urgency Ordinance for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

Staff was directed to provide two ordinances:

1. One that would apply to all properties within the unincorporated areas of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin except those properties within the Atascadero Sub-Basin.
2. One that would apply to all properties within the unincorporated areas of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin generally within portions of the Estrella, Shandon and Creston Sub-Areas (the area shown as having the greatest change in groundwater elevation).

The Board directed that the ordinances contain the following provisions:

1. The ordinances will establish a moratorium on new or expanded irrigated crop production, conversion of dry farm or grazing land to new or expanded irrigated crop production and new development dependent upon a well in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin unless such uses offset their total projected water use by a ratio of 2 to 1
2. The ordinances will include certain exemptions (for example to drill a replacement well)
3. The ordinances will require the installation of a meter on new wells
4. The ordinances will establish a moratorium on approval of new ponds, reservoirs and dams other than those allowed by Section 22.52.070.C.2.b of Title 22 of the County Code

In order to meet agenda deadlines for the August 27, 2013 Board of Supervisor meeting, a staff report and the proposed ordinances must be complete by August 16, 2013. Although the time is

short, we would like to hear any ideas that your group could provide regarding implementation of the above specified direction from the Board of Supervisors. Staff would need any input by noon on Wednesday August 14, 2013 in order to incorporate it into the staff report and proposed ordinances.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

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and doors will open where you didn't  
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